

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

Ronald	Aikens	:
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CIVIL ACTION

Geico Casualty Company

NO.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

Telephone	FAX Number	E-Mail Address		
Date (215)467-4666	Attorney-at-law (267)639-9006	Attorney for MarcSimon@gosimon.com		
07/13/2020	Marc Simon	Ronald Aikens		
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(c) Arbitration - Cases re	quired to be designated for arbit	ration under Local Civil Rule 53.2.	()	
(b) Social Security – Case and Human Services of	es requesting review of a decision denying plaintiff Social Security	n of the Secretary of Health Benefits.	()	
(a) Habeas Corpus – Case	es brought under 28 U.S.C. § 22	41 through § 2255.	()	

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Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan Section 1:03 - Assignment to a Management Track

- (a) The clerk of court will assign cases to tracks (a) through (d) based on the initial pleading.
- (b) In all cases not appropriate for assignment by the clerk of court to tracks (a) through (d), the plaintiff shall submit to the clerk of court and serve with the complaint on all defendants a case management track designation form specifying that the plaintiff believes the case requires Standard Management or Special Management. In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.
- (c) The court may, on its own initiative or upon the request of any party, change the track assignment of any case at any time.
- (d) Nothing in this Plan is intended to abrogate or limit a judicial officer's authority in any case pending before that judicial officer, to direct pretrial and trial proceedings that are more stringent than those of the Plan and that are designed to accomplish cost and delay reduction.
- (e) Nothing in this Plan is intended to supersede Local Civil Rules 40.1 and 72.1, or the procedure for random assignment of Habeas Corpus and Social Security cases referred to magistrate judges of the court.

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CASE ASSIGNMENTS (See §1.02 (e) Management Track Definitions of the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan)

Special Management cases will usually include that class of cases commonly referred to as "complex litigation" as that term has been used in the Manuals for Complex Litigation. The first manual was prepared in 1969 and the Manual for Complex Litigation Second, MCL 2d was prepared in 1985. This term is intended to include cases that present unusual problems and require extraordinary treatment. See §0.1 of the first manual. Cases may require special or intense management by the court due to one or more of the following factors: (1) large number of parties; (2) large number of claims or defenses; (3) complex factual issues; (4) large volume of evidence; (5) problems locating or preserving evidence; (6) extensive discovery; (7) exceptionally long time needed to prepare for disposition; (8) decision needed within an exceptionally short time; and (9) need to decide preliminary issues before final disposition. It may include two or more related cases. Complex litigation typically includes such cases as antitrust cases; cases involving a large number of parties or an unincorporated association of large membership; cases involving requests for injunctive relief affecting the operation of large business entities; patent cases; copyright and trademark cases; common disaster cases such as those arising from aircraft crashes or marine disasters; actions brought by individual stockholders; stockholder's derivative and stockholder's representative actions; class actions or

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DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

Address of Plaintiff:	Ronald Aikens - 1151 Ste	rigere Street, Apt C3	35, Norristown, PA 19401
	ico Casualty Company -	One Geico Boulevar	d, Fredericksburg, VA 22412
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RELATED CASE, IF ANY:			
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4. Is this case a second or success case filed by the same individu	sive habeas corpus, social security appoual?	eal, or pro se civil rights	Yes No 🗸
I certify that, to my knowledge, the this court except as noted above. DATE: 07/13/2020		ed to any case now pending or v	within one year previously terminated action in 201798
DAIE:	Attorney-at-	-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff	Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)
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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- **I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
 - United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
 - Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
 - Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
 - Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
 - Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
 - Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
 - Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date. Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
 - Multidistrict Litigation Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407
 - Multidistrict Litigation Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.

 PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7. Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statue.
- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P. Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction. Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Ronald Aikens	:		
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Norristown, PA 19401,	:	# <u></u>	
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Plaintiff,	:		
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v.	:		
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Geico Casualty Company	:		
One Geico Boulevard	:		
Fredericksburg, VA 22412,	:		
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Defendant.	:		
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COMPLAINT

PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff, Ronald Aikens, is a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing at the address listed in the caption of this Complaint.
- 2. Defendant, Geico Casualty Company, was at all times material hereto, an insurance company duly authorized and licensed to practice its profession by the State of Virginia. Defendant was engaged in the practice of providing automobile insurance policies, including, but not limited to, motor vehicle liability policies. These policies would also occasionally provide underinsured and uninsured motorist coverage.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter in this civil action. Plaintiff is a citizen of Pennsylvania, and Defendant, upon information and belief, is a corporate entity with its principal place of business in Virginia. The amount in controversy in this case, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds the sum of \$75,000.

4. Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) (1) and (2), in that this is a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims asserted in this Complaint occurred.

FACTS

- 5. On or about September 4, 2018, at approximately 8:15 p.m., Plaintiff was the operator of a motor vehicle that was traveling on 33rd Street approaching the intersection with Girard Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 6. At the same date and time, Robert Atkins (hereinafter, "the tortfeasor"), was the operator of a motor vehicle that was traveling on 33rd Street, approaching the intersection with Girard Avenue.
- 7. At or about the same date and time, the tortfeasor's vehicle collided with Plaintiff's vehicle.
- 8. This collision was the direct result of the tortfeasor negligently or carelessly operating his vehicle, and not as the result of any action or failure to act by Plaintiff.
- 9. As a result of the collision, Plaintiff suffered serious and permanent bodily injury as set forth more fully below.
- 10. The negligence or carelessness of the tortfeasor, which was the direct and sole cause of the motor vehicle collision and of the injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiff, consisted of, but was not limited to, the following:
 - a.. Operating his vehicle into Plaintiff's lane of travel;
 - b. Failing to maintain proper distance between vehicles;

- c. Operating said vehicle in a negligent or careless manner without regard for the rights or safety of Plaintiff or others;
- d. Failing to have said vehicle under proper and adequate control;
- e. Operating said vehicle at a dangerous and excessive rate of speed under the circumstances;
- f. Violation of the "assured clear distance ahead" rule;
- g. Failure to keep a proper lookout;
- Failure to apply brakes earlier to stop the vehicle without causing a motor vehicle collision;
- i. Being inattentive to his duties as an operator of a motor vehicle;
- j. Disregarding traffic lanes, patterns, and other devices;
- k. Driving at a high rate of speed that was dangerous for the conditions;
- 1. Failing to remain continually alert while operating said vehicle;
- m. Failing to perceive the highly apparent danger to others that his actions or inaction posed;
- n. Failing to give Plaintiff meaningful warning signs concerning the impending collision;
- o. Failing to exercise ordinary care to avoid a collision;
- p. Failing to be highly vigilant and maintain sufficient control of his vehicle and to bring it to a stop on the shortest possible notice;
- q. Operating his vehicle with disregard for the rights of Plaintiff, even though the tortfeasor was aware of or should have been aware of the presence of Plaintiff and the threat of harm posed to him;

- r. Continuing to operate his vehicle in a direction towards Plaintiff's vehicle when he saw, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have seen, that further operation in that direction would result in a collision; and
- s. Failing to operate said vehicle in compliance with the applicable laws and ordinances of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pertaining to the operation and control of motor vehicles.
- 11. As a direct result of the negligent or careless conduct of the tortfeasor, Plaintiff suffered various serious and permanent personal injuries, serious impairment of bodily function and/or permanent serious disfigurement and/or aggravation of pre-existing conditions. These injuries include, but are not limited to, back injuries.
- 12. These injuries are permanent in nature and are to Plaintiff's great financial detriment and loss. As a result of these injuries, Plaintiff has in the past suffered, is presently suffering, and may in the future suffer great anguish, sickness, and agony.
- 13. As an additional result of the carelessness or negligence of the tortfeasor, Plaintiff has suffered emotional injuries, along with the physical injuries suffered.
- 14. As a further result of the aforesaid physical injuries, Plaintiff has in the past undergone, is presently undergoing, and may in the future undergo a great loss of earnings or earning capacity, all to Plaintiff's further loss and detriment.
- 15. Upon information and belief, at the time of the motor vehicle collision in this case, the tortfeasor's motor vehicle insurance policy or liability insurance were insufficient to fully and adequately compensate Plaintiff for the injuries suffered in the collision and/or for other damages and expenses related thereto.

- 16. At the date and time of the aforementioned motor vehicle collision, Plaintiff was the of a motor vehicle that was covered by a policy of insurance issued by Defendant under Policy Number 4304-97-45-22. This policy included coverage for underinsured motorist coverage applicable to Plaintiff.
- 17. Accordingly, Plaintiff asserts an Underinsured Motorist Claim against Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment in Plaintiff's favor and against Defendant in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, plus all costs and other relief this court deems necessary.

BY:

Marc I. Simon, Esquire